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1. Stahlwerk Hennigsdorf

- a. During the period 12 March 1948 to 12 March 1949, the Stahlwerk Hennigsdorf produced 60,000 tons of steel ingots, 3,000 tons of steel castings, and 5,000 tons of rolled products.
- b. The plant has ordered two hot-iron shears, weighing forty-five tons, for cutting plates up to 180 mm thickness. One pair ordered from the Maschinenwerk Henry Pels, Erfurt, left Erfurt on 14 March 1949. The other is under construction at the Schweriner Eisengiesserei (sic, probably Robert Klingebiel), a small firm employing 114 workers.
- c. The new cogging roll started operating in the middle of March 1949, and the other rolls are almost ready to begin operation. Thus it is no longer necessary to send steel ingots up to two and a half tons to Unterwellenborn.

2. Kupfer-und Blechwalzwerk, Ilseburg

- a. This works employs 920 men. In January 1949, it produced 181 tons of electrolytic copper and 1,362 tons of copper sheeting. From October 1948 to February 1949, it produced thick iron as follows:

October 1948	850 tons
November 1948	1,350 "
December 1948	1,350 "
January 1949	1,028 "
February 1949	1,100 "

Its target for the first six months of 1949 is 6,000 tons of thick iron.

- b. The shortage of rolling equipment is the greatest handicap, and the Ilseburg works is attempting to prepare rolls itself. The preparatory work of turning thirty crude iron ingots is being done by SAG Radsatzwerk, Ilseburg. These ingots are to be welded into a roll weighing twenty-one tons, one meter in diameter and five meters in length.

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3. Stahlwerke Gröditz

Mannesmann, Leipzig, is responsible for the expansion of the Stahlwerke, Gröditz. Its contract includes the construction of a pressing plant, a forge, a furnace house, a twenty-ton overhead travelling crane with a 20m reach, a thirty-ton foundry crane, and a loading crane. The pressing plant is scheduled to be completed by 1 July 1949 and the forge by the end of 1949. The cranes are to be ready for operation within six to nine months. Shortage of material has been delaying all this construction, and an urgent call has been sent to all firms in the Russian Zone for a loan of 10-30 mm sheet iron, eight 200 m rolls of 23 mm wire cable, and two 350 m rolls of 23 mm wire cable.

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